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7   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

8   EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11   WESLEY COTTON,   Case No. 1:22-cv-00568-JLT-EPG (PC)

                                 Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S
12   MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF
         v.   RE: EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
13   RESPONSIVE PLEADING AND OPT OUT
                                             OF SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
14   SGT. MEDINA, et al.,

15   Defendants.   (ECF No. 18)

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17   On November 9, 2022, defendant Medina ("Defendant") filed a motion "for a ninety-day

18   extension of time to file a responsive pleading and a ninety-day extension of time to opt out of a

19   settlement conference." (ECF No. 18, p. 2). Defense counsel states that he needs the extension

20   because the Correctional Law Section of the Office of the Attorney General is currently

21   understaffed. (Id. at 3). While the Correctional Law Section has been working to address the

22   issue, "Deputy Attorneys General currently handling Correctional Law Section cases are

23   operating at their maximum capacity and will be unable to complete all appropriate casework if

24   additional cases are assigned to them." (Id.).

25   The Court finds good cause to grant the motion.

26   Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

27   1. Defendant has until February 13, 2023, to file her responsive pleading.

28   2. The assigned Deputy Attorney General has until March 3, 2023, to either: (1) file a

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1   notice stating that Defendant opts out of the settlement conference; or (2) contact

2   ADR Coordinator Sujean Park (spark@caed.uscourts.gov) to schedule the

3   settlement conference.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6   Dated: **November 11, 2022**   /s/ *Erin P. Grog*

7   UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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